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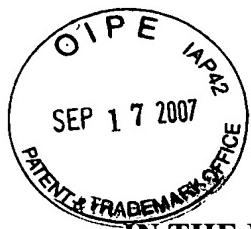
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2007 in the above application.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the election requirement, Applicant elects:

SPECIES II – Figure 3

Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (as amended) are readable on the elected species.

Examination of the claims directed to the elected species is respectfully requested.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". The status of the listed claims is indicated as well as presently proposed amendment. This listing supersedes all prior claim listings in this application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.